

# MOCK

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low classmates portray victims of an accident caused by a drunk driver.

The event was coordinated by School Resource Officer Dean Blair and Christina Whitlock, consumer science teacher at Elba High School, and Blair said they wanted the event to be as realistic as possible for students.

With that in mind, the demonstration also included the arrival of two ladies portraying mothers of the deceased victims, the drunk driver (portrayed by a student) being arrested and deceased victims being placed in body bags and loaded in the back of a hearse.

While this mock accident demonstration was presented to the students in conjunction with prom promise, Officer Blair said it was something local emergency personnel wanted to do because they care about the

safety of the students of Elba High School. He said they felt the realistic demonstration would help students better understand the consequences of driving drunk and recklessly.

Elba City Schools superintendent Danny Weeks thanked everyone who played a part in the demonstration for taking time out of their busy schedules to present the mock accident to the students. He said this truly showed a community commitment to Elba City Schools.

# HERO

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worked to free Wilks's feet from the pedals.

As DeVane grasped Wilks about the upper body, Senn held him by the legs. They pulled him from the truck just moments before an explosive rush of flames engulfed the

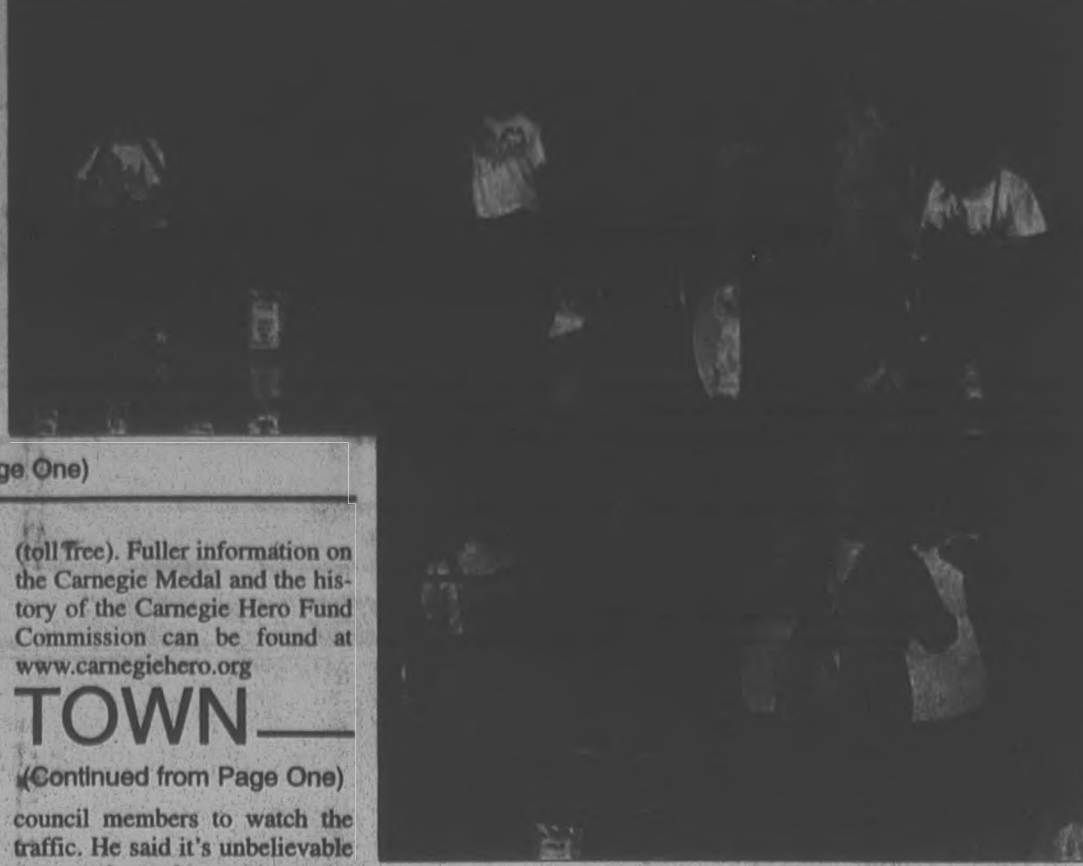
SAT testing began this week, and Elba Elementary School wanted to help students get in the mood. An assembly was held Monday afternoon, April 3, and students were light-heartedly encouraged to be "Wild About Great Test Scores." The assembly was rocking right away as student's from Lynn Baker's reading group performed the song, "Wild Thing." The performers (at right) included: Tripp Hudson (guitar), Avery Hanchey (vocals) and De-Shon Edwards (drums).

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vehicle and spread to another vehicle nearby that also had been involved in the accident. Wilks was hospitalized three days for treatment of injuries sustained in the accident, including a minor burn.

The heroes announced bring to 8,981 the number of awards made since the Pittsburgh-based Fund's inception in 1904. Commission President Mark Laskow stated that each of the awardees or their survivors will also receive a grant of \$4,000. Throughout the 102 years since the Fund was established by industrialist-philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, \$28.5 million has been given in one-time grants, scholarship aid, death benefits and continuing assistance.

To nominate someone for the Carnegie Medal, write the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 1640, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, or call 1-800-447-8900



The 6th Grade teachers at E.E.S. also got in on the act during Monday's assembly as they performed "Lion Sleeps Tonight" as an encouragement to students to be sure to get enough sleep at night. Some other "wild" guests for the assembly included Tarzan and Elbie.

# TOWN

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council members to watch the traffic. He said it's unbelievable the number of motorists who ignore the speed limits through New Brockton, and again, he insisted that any motorist even one mile over the speed limit is breaking the law.

Grimes also said the town has received a patrol vehicle from Okaloosa County.

(toll free). Fuller information on the Carnegie Medal and the history of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission can be found at [www.carnegiehero.org](http://www.carnegiehero.org)

# Obituary:

**ELDORA GOODSON HUDSON**

Mrs. Eldora (Dodie) Goodson Hudson, age 90, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at Enterprise Nursing Home in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held April 5, 2006 at 2 p.m. with Dr. Tony Dye officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Hudson was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter Prude Goodson, her second husband, James Arthur Hudson; her mother, Lola Mae Jacobs; her father, Wiley Jefferson Jacobs; her brother, Marvin Jacobs; and her sister, Bethal Jacobs Holloway.

Survivors include one son: Jerry Goodson (Pat), Enterprise; two sisters: Annie Merle Groman (Ernest) and Mary Nell Messer, both of Columbus, Ga.; a step-son: Johnnie Hudson (Judy), Mathews, Ala.; two step-daughters: Vernetta Maddox (James), Elba, Sue Parker, Troy, Ala.; and 12 grandchildren.

Following the quick review the mayor offered to explain anything a council member

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After reviewing previously approved abatement

# C.C. Commission changes tax abatement for Wayne Farms

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission voted Monday, April 10, to change a tax abatement approved earlier in the year for Wayne Farms.

During the March 27 commission meeting, attorney Dale Marsh represented Wayne Farms.

Marsh asked commissioners to re-examine the tax abatement approved in January.

The tax abatement approved in January gave Wayne Farms an abatement of one half the ad valorem (property) tax for the next 10 years.

In January, the company also asked for an abatement regarding sales tax (excluding any educational taxes), but the abatement was not approved by the commission.

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Commissioner Robert Stephens offered an amendment to Grimsley's motion calling for the exemption of the sales tax. This would make the tax abatement a full abatement on ad valorem taxes only.

"We have to have taxes," Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said. "We've abated taxes two times I know for this company."

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**NO FALSE ALARM...**The Elba Fire Department responded Tuesday afternoon, April 11, to Elba Elementary School after reports of a fire alarm being activated. Several weeks ago, the members of the department responded to the school for what was determined to be a false alarm; however, that was not the case this week. Inside the school, the smell of smoke was evident, and firefighters quickly worked to determine the cause of the smoke. They soon found the problem to be with an air conditioning/heater unit inside a classroom. The unit seemingly got too hot after someone turned on the heater. While there were several speculations of exactly what may have caused the unit to get too hot, the overall consensus was that school officials made the right call in evacuating students and teachers from the building and immediately notifying the fire department of the problem. Firefighters were able to arrive on scene, locate the problem and prevent it from becoming a serious situation. Above, firefighters are shown clearing smoke from inside a classroom with the assistance of a fan.

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# Qualifying ends for June's Democrat and Republican primary elections

Qualifying for the June 6 primary elections ended last Friday, April 7. Several local and state offices are up for election this year.

Any candidates without party opposition will move directly to the Nov. 7 general election. Those qualified for the Democrat and Republican primaries include:

**Democrats**  
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# Parker announces candidacy for Sheriff of Coffee County

M.J. (Jack) Parker announced recently that he will seek the Republican nomination for Coffee County Sheriff in the June 6 primary.

"To the citizens that live outside the city and town limits that depend on the Sheriff for the protection of life and property, I want you to know that



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

Elba Mayor James Grimes was recently flashing around the results of a just completed study on residential electric rates. The numbers were "good for our side." The comparison chart showed Elba with the lowest residential rates of any of the ten or so utilities in the comparison. Thus Elba citizens, complain if you feel you must but then be thankful that your bill comes from the City of Elba and not one of those higher rate suppliers.

A Tuscaloosa accountant, Mike Echols, has in the last few years become one of Alabama's largest funnels for political funds from those who find it necessary to use PACs rather than give a direct donation to the candidate. Echols is a long time friend of ours, a happy-go-lucky guy and it continues to be amusing to sit with him and realize he handles such a large volume of political donations. This year he is managing a group of six PACs which reportedly gave \$975,750 to major statewide candidates, most of it to Governor Bob Riley (\$891,000) in the last six months of 2005. Oh, and he knows our negative opinion of the whole PAC system, but reminds us (correctly) that it is completely legal. Alas, none of his PACs have yet seen fit to float a check our way. But then we are not in politics nor do we have influence over . . . well over anything nor anyone!

Qualifying deadline for the major Alabama political parties came and went last Friday. There were some surprises, probably some disappointments, but there is now little any of us can do about that. There is still the possibility of independents jumping in (election day is there deadline) but those who take that route start out way behind at best. Voters want every race to be contested, while candidates want to run unopposed. It is easy to understand the reasoning of both factions.

Coffee County Probate Judge Bill Gammill is one of the few area candidates running unopposed for another (six year) term. Of course he is probably as elated as anyone in that position would be. However when we see him the comments will not be "congratulations" but, "Judge, why do you even want a job that no one else will even ask for?" Actually the pay is a right nice supplement for his military retirement check!

The Alabama legislature might be about to put our state at the very top in at least one financial category, that would be in the amount of reimbursement state employees will get for driving their own cars on state business. Our first reaction was very negative to such a boost. Yet as the cost of gasoline continues to rise, we will surely see other states kicking their rates even higher . . . through necessity. In Alabama it is election year and looks good for the incumbents but actually might be the right thing to do.

The weather is getting warmer, the days are longer, daylight saving time appears to give us more daylight, etc. Therefore there are fewer excuses for not getting exercise. The walking trail on the levee is well kept, paved and is lighted at night. Bicycles and all motorized vehicles are banned by city ordinance. All this makes it an ideal place to please your doctor by doing the healthy thing and exercising. Frankly, the levee walking trail is also a pleasant, tranquil place to walk.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Apr. 3, 2006, investigated the following incidents: two for burglary, one criminal mischief, two for harassing communications, one menacing, one damage to property, one theft of property, one harassment, one arson and one recovered property.

The following arrests were made: one for menacing, one for harassing communications and one for arson.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for a vehicle ordinance violation, one for no insurance, one for a suspended driver's license, seven for seat belt violations and two for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, APR. 3 - Prowler reported at 1141 Reese Ave. (1:00 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Stroud Ave. and Hwy. 84 E. (4:05 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at the intersection of Stroud Ave. and Hwy. 84 E. (4:05 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck at the intersection of Stroud Ave. and Hwy. 84 E. (4:05 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 124 County Rd. 138 (8:05 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APR. 4 - Routine activity.

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LITTLE MISS KINSTON...On Feb. 25, the 2006 Miss Kinston pageants were held. The queen and runners-up for the Little Miss category included (left to right): Alexandria Wiggins, first runner up; Victoria Weeks, 2006 Little Miss Kinston; and Taylor Stanton, second runner up.

JUNIOR MISS KINSTON...On Feb. 25, the 2006 Miss Kinston pageants were held. The queen and runners-up for the Junior Miss category included (left to right): Courtney Parrish, first runner up; Kaitlin Jones, 2006 Junior Miss Kinston; and Abby Williams, second runner up.

## PARKER (Continued from Page One)

Parker served with special operations for five years. This service included response to emergency situations, terrorist incidents or hostage situations, etc.

"I had extensive specialized training in tactics and weaponry which was very rigorous physically and mentally," he said. "Out of a starting class of 42 only 17 of us made it. Special operations is 100 strong and is on call 24 hours a day anywhere in the U.S.A. and territories."

When the Soviets, Cubans and East Germans denied involvement in fomenting terrorism in Southern Africa, Parker was part of a group that produced 13 South Africans trained by them, and presented them before a subcommittee on security and terrorism in Washington, D.C. proving the foreign government liars.

In Washington, D.C. Parker said there is no sheriff. The Sheriff's Department is the Sheriff's Department. "I was being cleared for top secret clearance," he said.

clearance, Parker was involved in national and international law enforcement duties which included security for N.A.T.O. and the United Nations.

Parker also served as chief deputy (GM/13 level) for a period of time at the end of his tenure with the service. He said he scheduled all criminal and civil work for the middle district of Alabama (an interim position).

"Cancer took his wife, the mother of our four daughters," said Parker. "She was never to know the love of her grandchildren."

Sara Renette Smith was of the Nolin, Perkins, Ramsey and Goodson families of the Enterprise and New Brockton areas.

"When you call for help, do you want a real law man who has the practical wisdom gained from experience to show up at your door? It is this man who needs and wants their vote for me," said Parker.

MISS KINSTON...On Feb. 25, the 2006 Miss Kinston pageants were held. The queen and runners-up for the Miss category included (left to right): Courtney Weeks, first runner up; Nicole Boswell, 2006 Miss Kinston; and Lacy Sullivan, second runner up.

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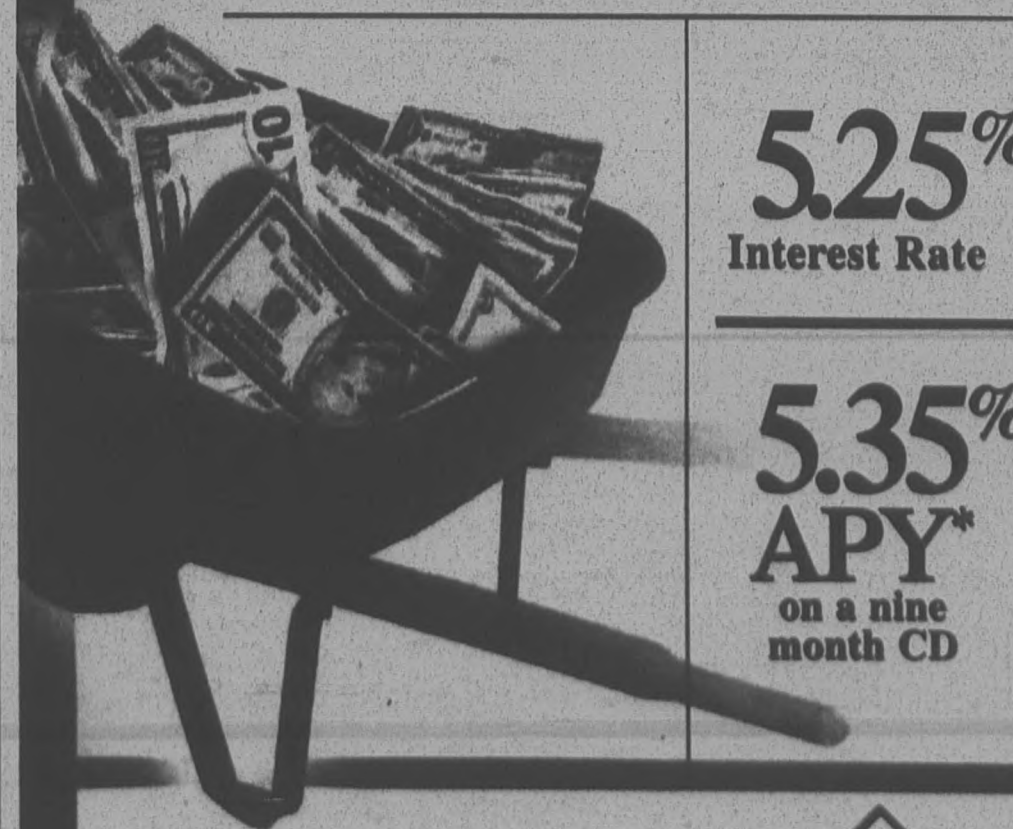
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## BOE

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student mark.

"This is wonderful news for our school system," Ingram said. "It means more teachers in the classrooms."

Several personnel matters were approved by board members during the meeting. Matters recommended by Dr. Ingram and approved by board members included:

• Accept the resignation of Debra Henson, language arts teacher at Zion Chapel School, effective at the end of the school year.

• Accept the resignation of Staci A. Rountree, social studies teacher/coach at New Brockton High School, effective June 2, 2006.

• Accept the resignation of Rachel Napoli, math teacher/coach at New Brockton High School, effective June 2, 2006.

• Accept the resignation of Terry Patman as assistant football coach at New Brockton High School.

• Accept the resignation of Paul Marsh as physical education teacher/coach at New Brockton High School effective June 2, 2006.

• Employ David "Dirk" Strunk as social studies teacher/head football coach at New Brockton High School. Other coaching duties may be assigned at a later date.

• Grant a request from Kristy Jones for maternity leave under



THE RECIPIENTS OF THE TECHNOLOGY MINI-GRANTS watch as Golda Donaldson demonstrates various advantages of the new smart boards and teacher pads purchased by the Coffee County School System. The teachers receiving this new technology will be Sonya Shaw, Brooke Cavanaugh, Deborah Williams and Lori McCrory.

the Family Medical Leave Act. Mrs. Jones is a third grade teacher at Zion Chapel and expects to begin leave on May 8, 2006.

• Grant a request from Sheila Johnson for maternity leave under the Family Medical Leave Act. Mrs. Johnson is a third grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School and expects to begin her leave on May 19, 2006.

• Accept the retirement of James R. Hatway effective June 1, 2006. Mr. Hatway will retire after 25 years of service as a bus driver at Kinston School. Also, during the meeting, board members:

• Approved out-of-state travel under the Family Medical Leave Act (May 26) for second graders at Kinston Schools to visit the Marianna Caverns in Florida.

• Approved a request to bid

"domestic" duplicating paper.

• Approved the adoption of the 2006-07 school calendar as presented during the March board meeting.

• Approved a resolution regarding the leverage of capital funds on bonds sold by the state. The system got \$1,892,427 to be used to finish roofing jobs and for the classroom addition project at Zion Chapel Elementary. This money will be paid back over a 20-year period.

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**FOCUSSED FACTS**

**... All That Glitters**

Skookum Jim, his nephew Tagish Charlie, and Jim's brother-in-law George Carmack spent their summers hunting and fishing. Roaming across Alaska and the Canadian Yukon, they needed to find and preserve enough food each summer to feed themselves and their families throughout the long and brutal Arctic winters.

The summer of 1896 was much like any other one. After the snow melted, they set out for their summer hunting trip. By late July, the trio was camped near the junction of the Yukon and Klondike Rivers. One afternoon, while tracking a moose, Tagish Charlie happened upon a stream known as Rabbit Creek. Peering at the bottom, he saw hundreds of nuggets shining in the sunlight. Racing back to camp, he told the others. They insisted however, that the sun, water, and rocks had combined to play a trick on Charlie's eyes.

Certain he had found gold, it took Charlie three weeks to convince the others to accompany him back to Rabbit Creek. On August 16, 1896, Skookum Jim and George Carmack looked down at Rabbit Creek. It really was filled with gold nuggets.

The next day, Tagish Charlie, George Carmack, and Skookum Jim each filed mineral claims on the area surrounding Rabbit Creek.

Like a thunderbolt, news of the Klondike discovery cracked through Seattle. Moving faster than a prairie wildfire, it then raced across North America and by the fall, 100,000 rookie prospectors were racing towards the Klondike. Whether they had been shopkeepers, clerks, lawyers, or farmers, each one believed they would return from the north as wealthy men.

Most sailed to Skagway, where they faced a 600-mile journey through the Arctic wilderness to reach the gold fields. Some never made it. Others, arriving in the spring of 1898 found the best claims already taken. Very few found gold.

Eighteen months later, it was over. Dawson City, the town nearest to the original gold strike grew from a few hundred to a hundred thousand people almost overnight; then dwindled back to a few thousand almost as quickly. Seattle, as the Gateway to the North, enjoyed a prosperity it hadn't seen since before the depression of 1893.

To find out the rest of the story, take *The Web Journey*.

**THE WEB JOURNEY**

**Ashael Curtis Photos:**  
The Klondike Gold Rush  
This collection of fifty-five original photographs is part of the University of Washington's Special Collections. Under category, select Yukon Gold Rush. Results include photographs of Dawson City, the Yukon, prospectors, the trails leading to the Yukon, and many other aspects of the gold rush.

**Threads of Gold:**  
Women of the Alaska Gold Rush  
This resource from the University of Alaska Museum includes information about the Klondike Gold Rush, and the later Alaska Gold Rush. In addition to biographical information about a number of women who participated in the gold rush, it also tells the story of that era in the north.

**Stories From The Gold Rush**  
This resource is part of the National Postal Museum at the Smithsonian Institute. It includes stories about the challenges faced in maintaining mail delivery to the Yukon, as well as information about the men and women whose perseverance and determination helped develop Alaska and the Canadian North.

**IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK**

The ship, *Through the Smithsonian Institution*

At the time of its launch, this ship was believed to be the safest passenger vessel ever constructed. At a cost of \$7.5 million, the ship was nearly 883 feet long, 93 feet wide, and drew almost 40 feet of water when fully loaded. On April 10, 1912, it left Southampton, England for New York City on its maiden voyage. The 2,227 passengers included some of America's wealthiest and most prominent citizens. Four days later, the ship hit an iceberg and sank with the loss of 1,522 lives. What was the name of the ship? Do you need to find the answer, or want more information? Go to <http://tinyurl.com/kyov9>

**BEYOND OUR BORDERS**

Approximately a thousand miles east of Jamaica lies the small Caribbean country of Antigua and Barbuda. The country is made up of the two islands, with all but 1,500 of its 68,000 people living on the island of Antigua. The British colonized Antigua in the early 1600's, and less than a century later, it was dotted with sugar plantations. Today, its pristine beaches and quiet lifestyle have attracted tourists from around the world, and it now accounts for over half to the island nation's economy. Find out more about a nation that is little more than twice the size of Washington, DC at <http://tinyurl.com/eagga>

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## Obituaries

## WALLACE ALTO KNOTTS

Mr. Wallace Alto Knotts, age 74, of Brundidge, Ala., died Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at his home.

Funeral services were held April 8, 2006 at Dillard Funeral Home Chapel in Troy, Ala. with Rev. Ray Stanton officiating. Burial followed at Green Hills Memorial Park with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his children: Wally (Eunice) Knotts, Hamilton, Ga.; Suzanne (Allen) Jordan, Andrews, S.C.; Janet Knotts, Katoeh, Hawaii; Julie (Adam) Shirley, Kailua, Hawaii; John (Elisa) Knotts, Brundridge; three sisters: Nell Stinson, Jack, Ala.; Frances Boutwell, Phenix City, Ala.; Glenda Daniels, Elba, Ala.; two brothers: Curtis Knotts, Elba; Lamar Knotts, Center Ridge, Ala.; and his grandchildren: Tony, Heather, Marcus, Lance Aaron, Savannah and Matthew.

## JOHNNY B. HARDEN

A memorial service will be held for Mr. Johnny B. Harden, who passed away last April 19, 2005 at his Riverview, Fla. home.

The graveside memorial service will be Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 11 a.m. at the New Haven Church Cemetery in Elba, Ala. Services will be conducted by Pastor Hubert McWaters and Robert Ellis.

Formerly of Elba, Ala., Mr. Harden had lived the past 32 years of his life in the Tampa, Fla. area. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Mennie Ola Harden; a sister, Agnes Mack; and a brother, Charles Harden.

He was survived by his wife: Cynthia Harden, Riverview, Fla.; a son: Dennis Harden, Riverview, Fla.; his brother: James Harden, Opp, Ala.; and three sisters: Inez Watson, Winter Haven, Fla.; Martha Wilson, Geneva, Ala., and Bertha Ellis, Elba.

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# LIFESTYLES

## ZC Band Boosters presenting "Time of Your Life" beauty pageant

The Zion Chapel Band Boosters is presenting "The Time of Your Life", a beauty pageant open to girls ages infant through 18 years. The pageant will take place at Zion Chapel High School on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 6:00 PM. Six categories will be judged: Tiny Tot, Tiny Miss, Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss. A savings bond will also be awarded to the winner. There is a \$25.00 entry fee, and the deadline to enter is Wednesday, April 26. For more information, call Ginger Vinson at 334-897-2379 or Cathy White at 334-897-5541.

## Abundant Life Church Easter Drama set for April 15th & 16th

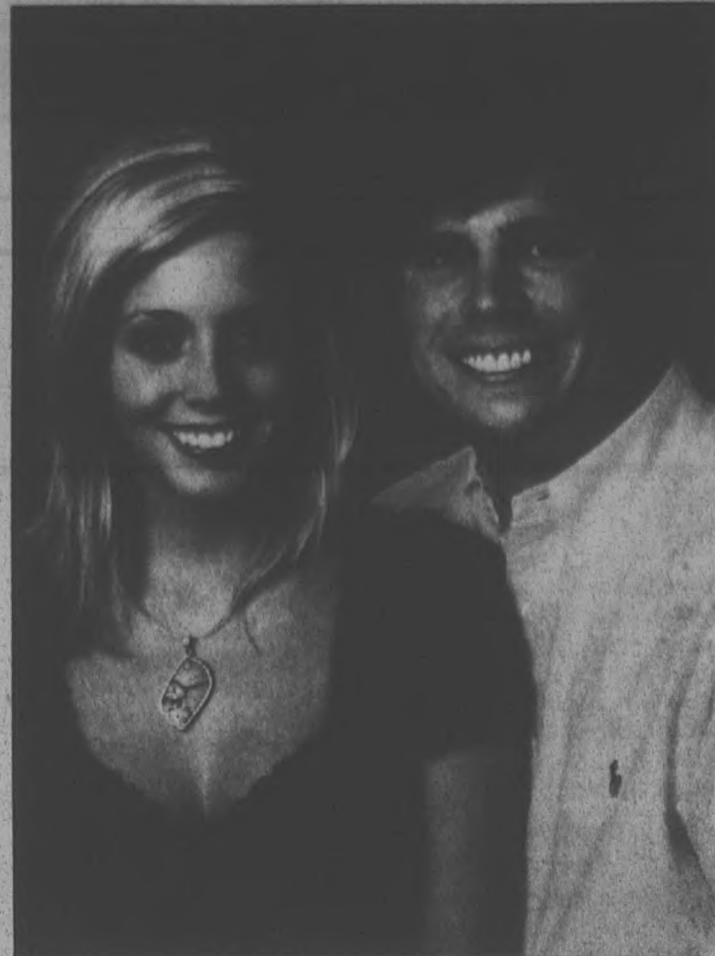
Abundant Life Church of Samson will be having an Easter drama April 15th and 16th. The drama entitled "Three Days" will be presented Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 7:00 PM and Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006, at 10:30 AM. "Three Days" is produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service. Everyone is invited to come see how "Three Days" changed the world. Abundant Life Church is located at 414 West Washington Street in Samson, Ala. For more information or for directions please call 334-898-7788.

## 108th State DAR Conference held in Auburn recently

The Alabama Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution held its 108th State Conference beginning March 12th at The Hotel at Auburn University. The theme for this year's conference is Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday.

The three-day conference began at 11:30 a.m. with an awards luncheon recognizing the DAR History Teacher of the Year, Annemarie Gray of Hoover High School, as well as dozens of student DAR essay winners, good citizenship award winners, and others from across the state.

Presley Merritt Wagoner of Chapel Hill, N.C., president general of the National Society, presented the opening night keynote address Tuesday night, followed by a Benjamin Franklin 300th Birthday party. Wednesday's events began with a breakfast fund-raiser for the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School located atop Gunter Mountain in Marshall County. Founded in 1924, the privately owned public school serves 1,200 students in grades K-12 and provides opportunities for children to develop a strong love of American ideals as they obtain a distinctive academic background. The school is funded by donations from DAR members and individuals from all over the country with teacher



Miss Burman and Mr. Guthrie

## Miss Burman and Mr. Guthrie to wed April 28th

Mr. and Mrs. John Steaven Burman of Denver, Colo., April 28, 2006 in Nassau, The Bahamas. After their return the couple will reside in Enterprise, Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Guthrie of Troy, Ala. Drex is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Drexel

Cook of Elba, Ala.

The wedding will be held on April 28, 2006 in Nassau, The Bahamas. After their return the couple will reside in Enterprise, Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Guthrie of Troy, Ala. Drex is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Drexel

## Mr. Smith and Miss Bedsole united in holy matrimony on October 8th 2005

The marriage ceremony uniting Miss Gina Suzanne Bedsole and Mr. Matthew Pennington Smith was celebrated on Saturday, October 8, 2005, at 5:30 in the evening at The Swan Coach House in Atlanta, Ga., with Rev. W. Martin Gray officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Gary Bedsole. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Randal Davis and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bedsole, all of Elba.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank John Klimaski of Columbia, S.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackson Smith III of Richmond, Ken. He is the grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert Pennington of London, Ken. and the late Mr. Thomas Jackson Smith, Jr. and Mrs. Ethel Blanton Smith of Richmond, Ken.

The ceremony was held in the beautiful Jane's Garden at The Swan Coach House in Buckhead. The cobblestone steps leading down to the courtyard were adorned with hanging amaranthus, roses, and hydrangea blossoms and were lit intermittently by hurricane-style votives.

The slate courtyard was surrounded by elegant, aging oak and magnolia trees, as well as maples, azaleas and other annual greenery common to Atlanta in the fall. An antique white iron gate covered in lights, coupled with the ambience and beauty of the woodlands, provided a breathtaking backdrop for the late afternoon ceremony.

Two large, Tuscan-style arches containing bells of Ireland, pale yellow and pink open-faced garden roses, antique hydrangeas, yellow-gold cockscomb celosia, hanging amaranthus, and other elements in shades of cream, yellow, pink, brown, and green were placed on either side of the iron gate.

The aisle was covered with white, pink, and yellow rose petals waiting for the bride to make her entry.

Just inside the French doors were long tables draped with white linen tablecloths and adorned with the same beautiful Tuscan urns and flowers that were used for the ceremony. Guests were served bourbon glazed pork tenderloin with southern-style biscuits and horseshoe cream sauce, chicken, and potatoes.

The bride was honored with a Around the House Shower on August 27, 2005, in Atlanta. Attendees enjoyed wonderful refreshments and watched as the bride was presented with many lovely gifts. The hostesses were: Ms. Jennifer Rubin; Mrs. Stephanie Devine; Mrs. Jennifer Hunt; Mrs. Gayle White; and Mrs. Robyn Wilborn.

A Miscellaneous Shower was given for the couple on September 18, 2005 in Elba at the Olde South Inn. The decorations were beautiful and the delicacies delicious as many family members and friends came by to extend their best wishes for the bride and groom.

The hostesses were: Ms. Janie Allen; Mrs. Charlotte Anderson; Mrs. Renita Bowers; Mrs. Suze Butts; Mrs. Katrina Calhoun; Ms. Charlotte Clark; Mrs. Myrna Cotton; Mrs. Jo Ruth English; Ms. Lois English; Mrs. Mary Grider; Ms. Genette Kendrick; Mrs. Ellen Lowery; Mrs. Vernetta Maddox; Mrs. Marianne Marler; Mrs. Delores Marsh; Ms. Olive Ray Martin; Mrs. Janice D. McCall; Mrs. Jean Moore; Mrs. Velma Moore; Mrs. Nancy Morrow; Mrs. Liz Murdock; Mrs. Marsha Oggs; Mrs. Melanie Roberson; Mrs. Ceina Spicer; Mrs. Vicki Stinson; and Mrs. Sara Strong.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Stephanie Ludwig Devine of Chattanooga, Tenn. as matron of honor. Other ladies serving as bridesmaids were: Mrs. Jennifer Norris Hunt of Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Jennifer Mehara Rubin of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Gayle Berryman White of New York City, NY; and Mrs. Robyn Rhoades Wilborn of Auburn, Ala.

The bridesmaids' strapless gowns were iridescent taffeta, with ribbon-edged tulle at the hem and a tie ribbon at the natural waist. They were tea-length with green leaves and stems. Each of the three tiers was outlined with white sugar pearls. The cake rested on an antique silver stand surrounded by fresh flowers.

At his request, the groom's cake was in the shape of a construction hat. It rested on top of an antique, marble-top buffet table. The cake was devil's food with chocolate ganache filling. White, buttercream icing was used to frost the cake with the groom's monogram done in blue.

Scattered around the dance floor were tables adorned with lovely centerpieces of multicolored roses and votive candles. Reception entertainment was provided by The Legacy Band out of Montgomery, Ala.

A close family friend, William Joel Peck, of Montgomery, directed the wedding. The night was truly a memorable one, described by some as being almost magical.



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Pennington Smith

The newlyweds left the reception in a 1961 Rolls Royce, to enjoy a honeymoon in Costa Rica. They reside in Atlanta.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Chester and Teresa Quick of Wewahatchka, Fla., and Kimmey E. Flowers of Elba, Ala. Her maternal grandparents are Mrs. Merle Pearson and the late Mr. Olen Pearson, and Mr. (Chief) S.C. Turman of Opp, Ala. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. James and Mrs. Mary Flowers of Elba, Ala.

The groom-to-be is the son of Jay and Rose McCorvey of Wewahatchka, Fla. His maternal grandparents are Mrs. Dorothy Griffin and the late Mr. Berle Griffin of Kinard, Fla. His paternal grandparents are the late Mr. Jimmy and the late Mrs. Margaret McCorvey of Wewahatchka, Fla.

Both the bride and the groom are 2004 graduates of Wewahatchka High and 2005 graduates of Gulf Coast Community College School of Nursing. Both are currently employed by the State of Florida. The wedding will take place on May 13, 2006 at Mexico Beach, Fla.

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# LIFESTYLES



Miss Flowers and Mr. McCorvey

## Miss Flowers and Mr. McCorvey to wed Saturday, May 13th

Chester and Teresa Quick would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Dixie Michelle Flowers to Joseph McCorvey.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Chester and Teresa Quick of Wewahatchka, Fla., and Kimmey E. Flowers of Elba, Ala. Her maternal grandparents are Mrs. Merle Pearson and the late Mr. Olen Pearson, and Mr. (Chief) S.C. Turman of Opp, Ala. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. James and Mrs. Mary Flowers of Elba, Ala.

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## Miss Sally Laine Helms and Mr. Craig Sorrell Pittman Jr. to be united in holy matrimony on Saturday, June 17th

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Helms of Enterprise, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter Sally Laine Helms of Enterprise to Craig Sorrell Pittman, Jr. of Enterprise, son of Judge Craig S. Pittman of Montgomery, Ala., and Mrs. Kathleen Wilson of Tallahassee, Fla.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis, Sr., of Enterprise; Mrs. Nettie Cranford of San Destin, Fla.; Mrs. Amorette Helms of Elba and the late Ben Helms. She is a graduate of Auburn University where she graduated Sum Cum Laude with degrees in Mathematics and Accounting. She is employed in Birmingham as a Certified Public Accountant.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. J.E. Pittman of Enterprise and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Perrott of Clearwater, Fla. He is a graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont. He is employed in Dothan, Ala., as a financial consultant.

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## New Brockton High School Class of 1976 to hold Class Reunion

The Class of 1976 of New Brockton High School will be having a class reunion celebrating 30 years at Ryan's in Enterprise Saturday, April 15 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more information call Oneather Smedley @ 894-6473.

## Book Sale planned at Enterprise Public Library April 21st

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# SCHOOLS

## Career/Technical Education helps prepare students for workplace

by Kayla Kelley

There is an extensive list of career and technical education classes offered at Elba High School, and each of these classes help in preparing students for the workplace they will encounter beyond high school.

Elba High School offers a number of courses to enhance student's skills to aid in training them for the technical workforce they plan to go into. The categories into which these classes fall are Cooperative Education, Automotive Service Technology, Welding, AgriConstruction, Family and Consumer Sciences and Business/Marketing Education.

Cooperative Education is taught and supervised by Mike Camley. The classes include Coordinated Studies and Coordinated Studies Seminar.

Cooperative Education is a way for students to alternate study in school with a job in an occupational field. Students build on prior knowledge, strengths, interest and needs that will enhance preparation for future employment and continued education and training.

Larry Goodson teaches Automotive Service Technology, which consists of five different courses: Electrical/Electronics I, Electrical/Electronics II and Brakes I, Brakes II and Steering and Suspension; Engine Performance I, and Engine Performance II.

This program focuses on giving each student the opportunity to obtain entry-level job skills to enable him/her to get a job after graduation. It also helps students decide if they want to pursue a job in the automobile industry.

Bruce Sasser is the instructor of the Welding Technology classes. Students receive training in welding and shop work experience.

After taking several of the welding courses, students possess the skills to enter the job market as a trained welder.

The AgriConstruction Program is under the direction of Joe Waldorf. His classes include AgriConstruction, AgriConstruction Finishing, AgriMetal Fabrication, AgriExploration, Brick Construction and Residential Wiring.

The key skills students should take from this program are good work ethics, pride in their work, sense of accomplishment, character, and integrity, as well as the ability to measure, interpret blueprints and technical drawings.

Mr. Waldorf hopes students will take with them the ability to imagine, design, create, construct, repair and maintain structures that will be admired and/or utilized by others for their form and function.

Christina Whitlock teaches the Family and Consumer Sciences classes, which include Teen Living, Family Dynamics, Food Dynamics, Fashion Dynamics and Parenting and Child Dynamics.

Mrs. Whitlock would like for her students to be free thinkers and good managers of their time. These courses help prepare students for this by teaching them a sense of creativity, independence, a good work ethic and basic cooking and sewing skills.

The Business/Marketing classes offered at Elba High School help students to obtain as many skills as possible to prepare for a job in one of the available technical fields.

Students receive Troy scholarships by Tierny Starks

Kayla Kelley and Elizabeth Weeks both received scholarships from Troy University. Kayla received the Chancellor's Award. The requirements to receive this scholarship were a 27 ACT score or 1220 SAT score, and a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Elizabeth received the Millennium Scholar's Award. The requirements to receive this scholarship were a 31 ACT score or 1380 SAT score, and a 3.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Both Kayla and Elizabeth were recognized at the Troy University Third Annual Scholarship Dinner held Monday, March 6.

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Education classes are taught by Martha Crawford and Ingrid Clark.

Mrs. Crawford's classes include Integrated Computer Technology and Interactive Multimedia Design. Students are able to create and edit documents in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and Publisher from these classes.

Mrs. Clark teaches Business Technology Essentials and Accounting Principles I. The Business Technology Essentials class helps students gain a knowledge of computer terminology and skills; formatting letters, memos, reports, and tables; designing spreadsheets and flyers.

PowerPoint presentations, organized as a proprietorship and partnership. They learn how to prepare balance sheets, income statements, journals, and worksheets, reconcile bank statements, and post to ledgers.

They also learn to prepare payroll records, financial statements, and letters of application and resumes.

Students who choose a vocational career are provided opportunities to explore technologies through the use of problem-solving approaches, research, and hands-on activities that integrate technical and academic knowledge applicable to the workplace.

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## FROM THE COCKPIT New Brockton School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney

### Cavanaugh named varsity cheerleading sponsor

by Vanessa Stuckey

Mrs. Brooke Cavanaugh, the 9th and 11th grade English teacher, will be the varsity cheerleading sponsor for the upcoming year.

This is Mrs. Cavanaugh's first year as a teacher here at New Brockton High School, but she did attend NBHS all throughout high school. Mrs. Cavanaugh and her husband, Ray Cavanaugh, have two children, Trey (2) and her stepson Corey (13).

Mrs. Cavanaugh's past cheerleading experiences include cheering at NBHS (7th-12th grade), being chosen as a NCA All-American Cheerleader when she went to New York City and was in the Macy's



Brooke Cavanaugh

Thanksgiving Day Parade. She also cheered at Enterprise-Ozark Community College.

For the upcoming year the varsity cheerleaders' camp plans include going to the NCA cheer-

leading camp at Panama City Beach during the week of June 11th. Mrs. Cavanaugh plans for the girls to attend at least one competition. She would also love to see them getting involved in some community service projects.

Mrs. Cavanaugh wants the cheerleaders to promote not only NBHS but the whole town of New Brockton as well.

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## Weight training underway for football players

by Josh Lindley

With spring training upon us, the football team has been working hard. They have been doing speed and weight training, and even had a lift off in January and the second week of March.

They are implementing a different method from the one last year, and the results have been gratifying. They do three lifts: squat, bench and power cleans. Here are the results.

Strongest: Nathan Henderson and Sheridan Foster with 790 pounds on those three lifts.

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## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Shawanna Wright  
& Melanie Mularz

## Two Elba High seniors receive National Beta Club scholarships

by Lauren McClung

The National Beta Club recently announced that Casey Medlock and Kayla Kelly, both seniors at Elba High, will be awarded a scholarship worth \$1,000 to the school of their choice.

These girls competed against more than 1,000 candidates nationwide for this honor. Only 210 scholarships were given to candidates.

These outstanding seniors represent the true spirit of National Beta, having excelled not only academically, but in leadership and service to their school and community as well.



Casey Medlock

They deserve to be recognized for their wonderful accomplishment.

These girls are excellent representatives of Elba High School and are very worthy of an honor like this.

We wish you the best of luck in life after graduation and congratulations Casey and Kayla!

"Wild About High Test Scores" at Elba Elementary

by Shawnda Whitfield

Monday, April 3, the elementary school held a rally to help motivate the students to do well on their upcoming SATs.

They kicked the rally off with a jungle theme in hopes of getting the kids "wild" about their test scores. To help with the motivation, posters with helpful hints about the SAT were hung all around the school. The teachers also gave the students lists of poems and silly reasons why they should do well on their SATs.

During the rally, there were several appearances by different characters such as Tarzan, Elbie, Jane and an ape; they were there

to stress how important it is doing an excellent job on the test really is. Another surprise appearance was Mr. Weeks. He made the kids "wild" about the SAT by singing them a song!!

Special events held in conjunction with National Library Week

by Ashton Rodriguez

National Library Week was observed



# SPORTS

Views from....

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

My youngest daughter Melanie has grown up around ball parks and gyms watching her Dad coach, and two weeks ago decided to give it a try as she and a friend signed up as coaches in the girls coach-pitch softball league. I always ask her how practice went and one night last week she reported she had to threaten to make the girls run if they didn't stop talking. After two weeks of practice she says the hardest part is getting everyone to pay attention. However, with her first game scheduled for this week I am sure her career will hit many more bumps along the way.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers hit the field twice last week in high school baseball action and suffered two area losses as their hopes for a possible playoff berth went by the board. The Tigers saw little good right early in the week in a five-inning loss to Geneva County, but bounced back later in the week and almost knocked off New Brockton in a game that wasn't decided until the final out. There have been more downers than wins for the Tigers this season and with no easy wins on the schedule things might get even worse. However, I am convinced the players will keep on working hard and playing hard and will add a few more wins to their side of the ledger before they hang up their cleats.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers won two of three games last week to move to 10-5 on the season, but ended the week with a 9-0 loss to Samson in a game in which Elba failed to put a runner on base. The Lady Tigers sent 21 batters to the plate and all 21 went back to the dug-out as the Lady Tigers suffered the wrong end of a perfect game. While it was true the Lady Tigers scored 16 runs in an early-week win over Highland Home, in the other two games they managed only two infield hits and one run. Unless Elba can generate more runs, it will take a perfect day in the field and on the rubber for the wins to keep on coming.

\*\*\* New Brockton hired a new head football coach last week when it was announced Dirk Strunk had accepted the Gamecock position. Strunk came to New Brockton after posting a 16-17 record in three seasons at Alabama Christian, while before that he was also the head coach at Maplesville and an assistant at Eufaula, Niceville (FL) and Baldwin Wallace College. Records can be deceiving, but one factor that caught my eye was an article in a daily paper after his resignation from ACA in which a senior player stated the players were "disappointed" and added "the players had a lot of respect for him and liked playing for him." Only time will tell, but from these early reports it looks like New Brockton made a good choice.

\*\*\* Even though the Gamecocks hired a new head football coach, the coaching carousel kept on spinning at New Brockton as boys basketball coach Patric Marsh and girls basketball coach Stacy Roundtree both resigned. The boys program will have its third new coach in three years, which isn't the stability the team needs to flourish, while Roundtree will leave the team after struggling this past season with a very young squad. With new head coaches in almost every sport, many Gamecock fans will have to ask who the coach is when they arrive at the games.

\*\*\* The SEC sat atop the college basketball world last week after Florida brought home the NCAA title and South Carolina claimed its second straight NIT crown. Those of us down here in the South have known for years that from top to bottom the SEC is the best in the nation in all major sports, and maybe now the rest of the sports fans across the nation will sit up and take notice.

\*\*\* In closing... if you are sitting at home one night and cannot find anything to do, why not head out to a park and watch youth baseball or softball? Baseball games are played at Legion Field on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights, while over at Hawkins-Williams Park the youngsters play everything from tee-ball to girls softball on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. You may have a hard time finding a place to park, but drive around and when you find one stop and c'mon in and have some fun cheering for the players on all the teams.



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### In 14-2 loss to Geneva County

## Elba Tigers watch as area woes continue

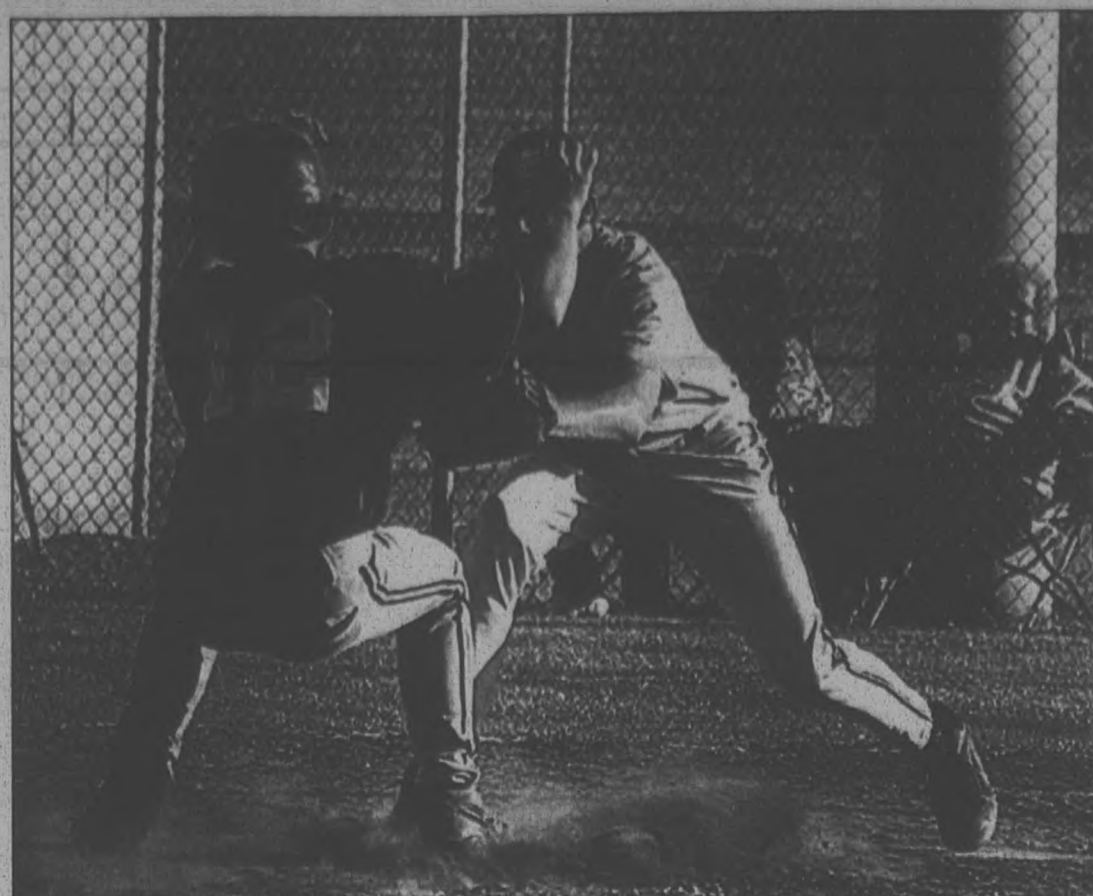
The Elba Tigers hosted the Geneva County Bulldogs last Tuesday afternoon in a key area match-up and remained winless in area competition as they were defeated 14-2, in five innings.

Geneva County used a three-run homer by Jeremy Williams to jump out to a quick 4-0 first inning lead, then added lone runs in the second and third to take a 6-0 lead.

The Elba bats finally came to life in the bottom of the fourth as Chase E. Boutwell led off with a single and promptly stole second. Bradley Wilson reached on a single to move Boutwell to third and then stole second to put two Tigers in scoring position. Chase W. Boutwell followed with a two-run single to knock in both runners as Elba cut into the deficit and pulled with 6-2.

Geneva County responded to the Elba rally with an 8-run outburst in the top of the fifth and then easily held on in the bottom of the frame to hand the Tigers a 14-2 defeat.

Chase E. Boutwell had 2 hits, stole two bases and scored one run to lead Elba, while Chase W. Boutwell added 1 hit and knocked in two runs. Seth Walding allowed four hits and struck out 11 batters in five innings to get the win on the mound, while Marcus Gilmore led the Bulldogs at the plate with 3 hits.



WHOOA... A Geneva County runner applies the brakes as Elba Tiger pitcher Stephen Driggers waits at home plate to make the tag. The Tigers fell to the Bulldogs 14-2 last week to remain winless in the area in high school baseball action.

(Laura Baxley photo)

### For '06 JV baseball season

## Mallory and McLaughlin lead stats

The Elba Tiger JV baseball team has released its statistics for the recently completed season and the stats make it easy to understand why the Tigers were able to post a successful 12-3 season. Justin Mallory collected 15 hits in 30 at-bats to compile a .500 batting average to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Andrew Head batted .444 (12-27), Bradley Wilson batted .438 (17-16) and Justin McLaughlin batted .405 (15-37). Other leading hitters included Sandarius Reed (.390), Colton Vaughan

(381) and Brock Lambert (267). Justin Mallory also led the Tigers in steals with 17 swipes, followed by Sandarius Reed with 14. Andrew Head 13, Justin McLaughlin 10 and Colton Vaughan 8.

Justin McLaughlin led the Tigers in runs-batted-in with 18, followed by Justin Mallory 17, Andrew Head 11 and Kyle Pope and Brock Lambert with 5. apiece. In pitching, Justin McLaughlin posted a 3-1 record and had a 2.17 earned run average to lead the Tigers, while Dylan McCollough both posted 2-0 records. Wilson had a .950 earned run average, while McCollough failed to allow a run in 11 innings of work.



ZION CHAPEL JV PLACE SECOND... The Zion Chapel Lady Rebel junior varsity softball team placed second recently in a tournament in Arton. The Lady Rebels led their first game to G.W. Long, but bounced back to defeat Abbeville 9-3 as Becca Hodge led the way with three runs scored. Zion Chapel fell behind 2-0 early in its next game against Arton, but rallied behind the hitting of Hodge, Heather Hines and Kelli Behrens and pulled out an exciting 7-6 win. The Lady Rebels ran into G.W. Long, again, in the tournament finals, and were forced to settle for second as they suffered their second loss. Becca Hodge led the Lady Rebels in the tournament with five hits and a double, while Heather Hines had 4 rbi's, Kelli Behrens had 3 rbi's and Leanne Vinson added 2 rbi's. The Lady Rebels also placed third earlier in the season in a tournament in Luverne.

## DIAMOND DUST

### BASEBALL

New Brockton outscored Samson 10-9

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted an important area win last Monday afternoon by outscoring the Samson Tigers 10-9. Mark Windham and Tad Adams both had 3 hits to lead the (11-3) Gamecocks, while Nathan Foster, Heath Danford and Adam Cornell all added 2 hits. Shane Adkinson pitched the final 3 1/3 innings to get the win on the mound and allowed two hits, while striking out four.

Kinston Bulldogs fall hard to Providence 12-1

The Kinston Bulldogs never had a chance Thursday afternoon in a 12-1 setback to Providence Christian. Jordan Reid allowed three hits and struck out nine batters over five innings to lead Providence, while Blake Stephens had 3 hits with two doubles and two rbi's.

Brantley Bulldogs edged out by Arton 11-10

The Brantley Bulldogs put up a fight for all seven innings Thursday afternoon in a wild 11-10

loss to the Arton Purple Cats. Scotty Abadilla belted a two-run homer to lead the Bulldogs, while Roland Doster doubled in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to give the Purple Cats the win.

### SOFTBALL

Brantley Lady Bulldogs swept by Arton

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs suffered a double defeat last Tuesday afternoon as they were defeated by the Arton Lady 'Cats 5-3 and 4-0. Jessica Peters struck out nine batters in the opener to get the win for Arton, while Erica Burnham had 3 hits. In the second game Lexi Phillips struck out 11 batters and hit a three-run homer.

New Brockton suffers 15-0 setback

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks put up little resistance last Tuesday afternoon in a 15-0 loss to the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs. Casey Greathouse struck out five batters and allowed three hits to get the win for the Lady Bulldogs, while Shanelle Bradshaw had 3 hits.

# SPORTS



A CLOUD OF DUST...AND AN OUT! Elba third-baseman Kayla Miller tags a runner out in a steal attempt during recent high school softball action. The sixth-ranked Lady Tigers posted two wins and one loss last week to watch as their record moved to 10-5.

(Laura Baxley photo)

### Kinston moves up in 1A

## Lady Tigers slip to sixth in 2A poll

The Birmingham News released its weekly high school baseball and softball standings last week and the Elba Lady Tigers remained in the "Top 10"

in the Class 2A softball polls as they slipped one spot to sixth. Area teams also ranked included (Baseball) Enterprise, #8 in 6A; G.W. Long, #2 in 2A;

Houston County, #8 in 2A; Florida, #4 in 1A; and Arton, #9 in 1A. (Softball) Ashford, #6 in 4A; Rehobeth, #7 in 4A; G.W. Long, #7 in 2A; Kinston, #2 in 1A; Pleasant Home, #7 in 1A; and Arton, #8 in 1A.

## Youth Baseball & Softball SCHEDULES

### BASEBALL

Co-Ed Tee Ball

Tuesday, April 18

(H-W Blue)

6:00 - Bulldogs vs. Grasshoppers

Coach-Pitch Baseball

(H-W Red)

Thursday, April 13

6:00 - Red Sox vs. Orioles

7:15 - Cubs vs. Indians

Tuesday, April 18

6:00 - Red Sox vs. Indians

7:15 - Cubs vs. Orioles

Dixie Minor Baseball

Dixie Youth Baseball

Thursday, April 13

In Elba

6:00 - Elba Cardinals vs. NB

White

7:30 - Elba Yankees vs. NB

White

In Brantley

6:00 - Brantley Braves vs. NB

Red

7:30 - Brantley Cardinals vs. NB

Red

Friday, April 14

In Elba

6:00 - NB White vs. Brantley

Yankees

7:30 - NB White vs. Brantley

White Sox

In Zion Chapel

6:00 - ZC Red vs. Elba Braves

7:30 - ZC Red vs. Elba A's

In Kinston

6:00 - Kinston vs. ZC Gray

7:30 - Kinston vs. ZC Gray

Saturday, April 15

In Samson

10:00 - Samson Gold vs. Brantley

Cardinals

12:00 - Samson vs. Brantley

Braves

2:00 - Samson Blue vs. Samson

Gold

Monday, April 17

In Elba

6:00 - Elba Braves vs. ZC Gray

7:30 - Elba A's vs. ZC Gray

In Zion Chapel

6:00 - ZC Red vs. Brantley

Braves

7:30 - ZC Red vs. Brantley

Cardinals

Tuesday, April 18

In Elba

6:00 - NB White vs. NB Red

7:30 - NB White vs. NB Red

In Kinston

Kinston vs. Samson

6:00 - Kinston vs. Samson

7:30 - Kinston vs. Samson Gold

Dixie Boys Baseball

Thursday, April 13

In Elba

6:00 - Brantley vs. Zion Chapel

7:45 - Elba vs. New Brockton

Tuesday, April 18

In Elba

6:00 - Zion Chapel vs. New

Brookton

7:45 - Elba vs. Brantley

SOFTBALL

Coach-Pitch Softball

Thursday, April 20

(H-W Blue)

6:00 - Mudhens vs. Grasshoppers

Dixie Softball

Thursday, April 13

In Elba (H-W White)

6:00 - Elba Salsa vs. Brantley

6:00 - Brantley vs. Zion Chapel

7:30 - Kinston Lady Dawgs vs. New Brockton

Monday, April 17

In Elba (H-W White)

6:00 - Elba Salsa vs. E'prise

Rockies

7:30 - ZC Black vs. Samson

In Elba (H-W Blue)

\*Belles\*

6:00 - Zion Chapel vs. E'prise

Braves

7:30 - New Brockton vs. E'prise

Pirates

In Kinston

6:00 - Kinston vs. Brantley

7:30 - Kinston Lady Dawgs vs. Brantley

In Enterprise (Donaldson Park)

\*Angels\*

6:00 - Samson vs. E'prise A's

7:30 - Zion Chapel vs. E'prise

Braves

Tuesday, April 18

In Elba (H-W White)

\*Pontyals\*

6:00 - New Brockton vs. E'prise

Premier Plus

A's

7:30 - Elba Heat vs. E'prise

Cardinals

In Brantley

6:00 - Brantley Bulldogs vs. Zion Chapel

7:30 - Brantley vs. ZC Black

### Grab key area win

## Elba Lady Tigers win two and lose one in high school softball action

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the field for three games last week in high school softball action and posted two wins to move their record to 10-5 on the season.

Following are highlights of the three games:

ELBA 16

H. HOME 1

The Lady Tigers opened the week's action last Monday afternoon in Highland Home and rolled to an easy 16-1 win over the Highland Home Lady Squadron.

Elba failed to score in the opening inning, but came to life in the second and combined a single by Ashley Carpenter with an error and a hit batter to place three runs to grab a 3-0 lead.

The Lady Tigers continued to circle the bases in the third inning and used four hits to place five runs as their lead went to 8-1. April Finedore led off the inning with a single to ignite the Elba uprising, while Melanie Mularz added an rbi double, Ashley Carpenter added a two-run double and Whitney Lawford blasted a solo home-run.

Stephanie Baxley and Melanie Mularz both had key hits in the fourth inning to help the Lady Tigers up their lead to 11-1, while in the fifth Lindsey Carley and Brandy Caldwell added hits as the Lady Tigers combined two hits with two hits and three errors to grab a 16-1 lead and wrapped up the five-inning win.

Melanie Mularz and Ashley Carpenter both had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead the Lady Tigers at the plate, while Whitney Lawford added 1 hit and scored 3 runs and April Finedore added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Brandy Caldwell, Stephanie Baxley and Lindsey Carley all had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Stephanie and Lindsey Carley pitched and allowed one run on two hits with five strike-outs, while Lindsey Carley pitched two innings and allowed no hits with six strike-outs.

ELBA 1

LUVERNE 0

The Lady Tigers hosted Luverne on Tuesday afternoon and remained atop the area standings by claiming a 1-0 win.

Elba put a base-runner on second in the bottom of the first when Krystan Parker reached on an infield hit and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Melanie Mularz. However, the

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### BIG RATTLER

Marcus Kelley killed this large, four foot rattler Monday morning in the Damascus Community. He and his dad, Glen Kelley, were fishing at the time. When asked if that ended their fishing trip, Mr. Kelley remarked, "Well we already had a good mess of bream on our stringer".

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO: PC-06-010 IN THE MATTER OF BOBBY BRUNSON, deceased.

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice to Debra Rose Brunson, whose whereabouts are unknown. Petition for Probate of Will of said deceased having been filed on the 8th day of February 2006 before the Honorable William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that you are hereby required to appear before the Court or file an objection with the Court by April 17, 2006 or said Will shall be admitted to Probate.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of March 2006.

/s/ DORIS AUSBON  
Personal Representative

3-30, 4-6, 13 chg.

### PROBATE COURT

PC-06-023

ESTATE OF LOTTIE LEE BARNES DECEASED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 31st day of March, 2006, by the Hon. William Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Shirley B. King  
Personal Representative

4-6, 13, 20 pd

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EVIE DANIELS, deceased.

CASE NO. PC-05-27

### NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that a Report of Insolvency having been filed by Jessie Merle Lewis, as the Executrix of the Estate of Evie Daniels, deceased, requesting the Court to declare the Estate of Evie Daniels insolvent. The 27th day of April, 2006 at 2 o'clock p.m. is the day and time set and fixed by the Court for hearing said Report.

DONE this 11th day of April, 2006.

/s/ William O. Gammill  
Judge of Probate

4-13, 20, 27 chg.

### Free Financial Aid class being offered at EOCC

A Free Financial Aid Workshop will be held at Enterprise-Ozark Community College on April 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lurleen B. Wallace Student Center's Multipurpose Room, at 6:30 p.m. Participants need to bring their 2005 Federal Income Tax returns and W-2 forms to the workshop. Dr. Chip Quisenberry, Director of EOCC's Student Financial Aid, will lead the workshop and provide valuable information for completing applications to obtain college financial aid for the 2006-2007 academic year. For more information, call (334) 347-2623, ext. 2214.

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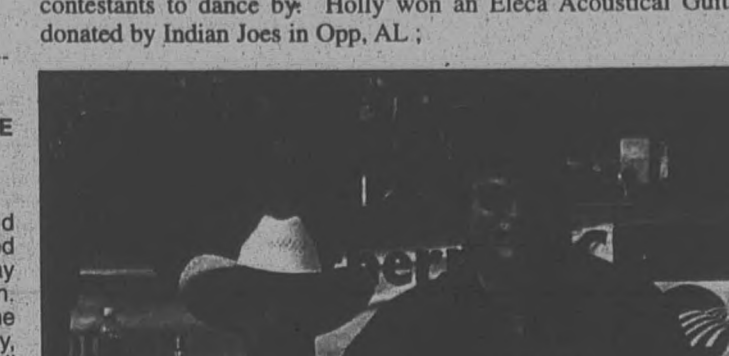
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### The World Championship Buck Dance Contest was held at the 2006 Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo



Junior Division winner, Holly Doster, (in the green) from Elba, AL to her right is Bobby Finedore who played his harmonica for the contestants to dance by. Holly won an Elba Acoustical Guitar donated by Indian Joes in Opp, AL.



Adult Division winner, Chris Johnson from Jack, AL to his right is Bobby Finedore who also played his harmonica so the adults could buck dance. Chris won an \$101 Standard Electric Guitar donated by Dyess Music Center in Opp, AL.

## PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a public meeting at 10:00 a.m. (EST) on Thursday April 13, 2006 in the Community Room of the Coffee County Office Complex in New Brockton, Alabama. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide input to the Wiregrass Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council as they begin preparations to revise their 5-year strategic plan. Wiregrass RC&D is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the communities of Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike, and Russell counties. Wiregrass RC&D strives to help local communities meet some of their local needs. Projects that have previously been funded in Coffee County include:

• Restoration of Jim Folsom's Birthplace Home in Elba  
• Park Avenue Streambank Stabilization in Enterprise  
• Surfacing of Access Road into Ballpark in Kinston  
• Construction of a new ball field at Zion Chapel

Wiregrass RC&D is in the process of developing a 5-year strategic plan for fiscal years 2008-2012. Public input is being sought to help focus on specific needs in each of four areas of concern: Land Conservation, Water Management, Community Development, and Land Management. Land Conservation needs would be those which involve: (1) the conservation, use, and quality of water, including irrigation and rural water supplies; (2) the mitigation of floods and high water tables; (3) the repair and improvement of reservoirs; (4) the improvement of agricultural water management; and (5) the improvement of water quality.

Community Development needs would be those which involve: (1) the development of resources-based industries; (2) the protection of rural industries from natural resource hazards; (3) the development of adequate rural water and waste disposal systems; (4) the improvement of recreation facilities; (5) the improvement in the quality of rural housing; (6) the provision of adequate health and education facilities; (7) the satisfaction of essential transportation and communication needs; and (8) the promotion of food security, economic development, and education.

Land Management needs would be those which involve: (1) energy conservation, including the production of energy crops; (2) the protection of agricultural land, as appropriate, from conversion to other uses; (3) farmland protection; and (4) the protection of fish and wildlife habitats.

For additional information contact Wiregrass RC&D at 715B Deese Road in Ozark, AL 36360; phone 334-774-2334, fax 334-774-2114, or email richard.collier@al.usda.gov.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

In fiscal year 2005, statewide, the Department of Human Resources (DHR) investigated approximately 19,000 reports of child abuse and neglect. The investigations were prompted by reports from vigilant community partners







## Elba Chamber of Commerce plans "Dining for Signs" event

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a "Dining for Signs" event in August of 2004. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the purchase of a lighted, brick sign to be placed at the Highway 87 (Troy Highway) entranceway into the City of Elba.

Chamber officials said the event was an overwhelming success, and construction of the enhanced welcoming tool recently was completed at the

Hwy. 87 entranceway. Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that the chamber is planning a second "Dining for Signs" event for Thursday, May 18, at the Elba Recreation Center, Claxton Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

"We had a great response from the first 'Dining for Signs' and look forward to this upcoming event," Whitworth said.

"Plans are to use funds raised through this effort to construct a welcome sign at the Highway 84 East entranceway into Elba." As before, tables will be sponsored by different members of the community during "Dining for Signs." The event will include a catered meal and entertainment.

For more information regarding "Dining for Signs" contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125.

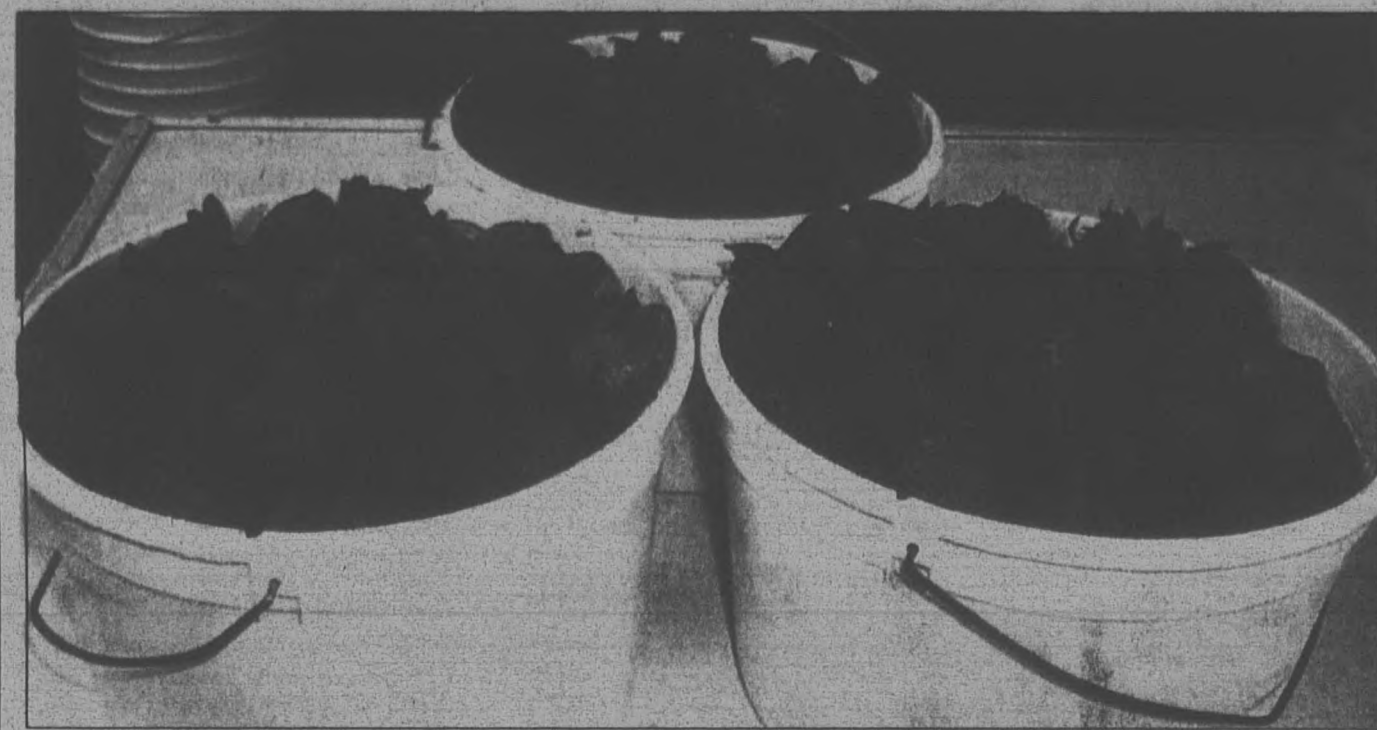


THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE currently is preparing for the upcoming "Dining for Signs" event to be held Thursday, May 18. Kaye Whitworth (left) and Melissa Flowers (right) certainly are looking forward to the event. With dinnerware in hand, the two recently visited the site of the "Welcome to Elba" sign constructed at the Highway 87 (Troy Highway) entranceway into the city. They hope the community will once again show support for this venture and help the Chamber generate enough funds to allow for the construction of additional matching signs around the city.

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## Basic Computer Course offered at LBWCC-MacArthur Campus

LBW Community College - MacArthur Campus will offer How to Use Your Personal Computer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. for four weeks. Classes will be held in the Computer Science Department, Room G-1. The class will begin on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 and end on Thursday, May 25, 2006.

How to Use Your Personal Computer is a beginner course that introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications. This hands-on course will cover Windows XP, Microsoft Word 2003, and the Internet. The cost of the course is \$35.00 per participant plus an additional fee for the textbook. Anyone interested in this course should register before Tuesday, May 2, 2006. For more information or to register please contact Susan DeB at (334) 493-3573, ext. 5360.

## Enterprise-Ozark Community College to hold Honors Day April 18th

The public is invited to attend Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Thirty-third Annual Honors Convocation on Tuesday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m., to be held in Lurleen B. Wallace Hall (Student Center), Multipurpose Room. Students being recognized include top academic achievers, top divisional academic achievers, organizational affiliation honors such as Who's Who and United States Achievement Academy scholars, transfer scholarship recipients, and the most prestigious honor the President's Cup recipients.

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## During Elba BOE meeting

## Superintendent reports good financial conditions

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board members heard good news from Superintendent Danny Weeks last Thursday evening during the review of the financial statement.

Weeks told board members that the school's financial condition was "as sound as we have been since I have been here."

The local schools, as most in Alabama, are just beginning to overcome the financial hit they took during recent years when state funds to local schools were prorated after budgets had been approved and teachers hired.

The schools are required to maintain a minimum cash reserve to cover such emergencies. The Elba system had to dip heavily into those reserves more than once when promised state funds were suddenly reduced.

The superintendent reminded board members that he had informed them at the last monthly meeting of his actions at their request to put part of this required reserve on higher yielding CDs. The school now has four of these interest bearing certificates at \$100,000 each.

Some other school funds are in interest bearing checking accounts, but at a lower interest rate.

The CNP Fund (lunchrooms) is also sound, with the necessary state department reserves also in place.

The board voted to adopt the new state textbook list. Science books were up for review this year and were approved by a state committee and a committee from the local school system. Adopting the state list doesn't necessarily mean the books will be purchased this year. That is based on needs and available money in the textbook fund.

The board approved the disability retirement of David Stokes, beginning May 1, 2006.

Amelia Rhoades' resignation as head volleyball coach was also approved. She will remain in the school system, but is stepping down as a coach.

Sending the annual termination letter to all non-tenured and probationary personnel was also approved at the recommendation of the superintendent.

Superintendent Weeks addressed the board with several

al items of interest to board members, parents, teachers and area citizens:

The system has again received SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) accreditation. The Elba

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## NOTICE

According to William C. Gresham, President of the Elba Citizens' Association, the citizens of Elba are requesting that the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) be notified of the need for a new bridge over the Alabama River in Elba, Alabama. The bridge is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. The citizens are requesting that ALDOT be notified of the need for a new bridge over the Alabama River in Elba, Alabama. The bridge is in poor condition and needs to be replaced.

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## During New Brockton Town Council meeting

## Residents reminded of trash pickup schedule

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular monthly meeting Monday evening, April 3, New Brockton Town Council members reminded citizens of the town's scheduled route for trash and landfill pickup.

Mayor Charles Cole said the route remains as follows, and trash will only be picked up according to this schedule:

Monday: Sugar St., Ross St., Adams St., Lee St., S. Dawkins, Church St., S. John from traffic light to Glory to Him Fellowship, S. Tyler, E. and S. McGowan, Byrd Mill Rd., Powell Rd., Griss Mill Rd. and E. McKinnon

Tuesday: Metcalf, Rainey, Brock, King, N. Dawkins, Cemetery St., N. John, Fleming, Railroad, Rowe Bridge Rd. and Sparks St.

Wednesday: Landfill - whole town

Thursday: Corey, Willow, Fitzsimmons, W. McKinnon, Knight, Langston, Watkins, Durham and N. Ainsley

Friday: Morton, S. Ainsley, Martin Luther King, S. Watkins, Caldwell, Youngblood, Sawyer, Faulk, Clay, Till Alley, Pearl, Trudy, Mack, Rest of S. John and N. Tyler

Mayor Cole also reminded citizens that it is necessary to follow the rules for trash pickup, especially the separation of the two different kinds of trash - 1) leaves and limbs and 2) landfill.

He said the types of trash must be separated because they go to two different places.

According to the rules, leaves, grass and pine straw must be bagged while limbs cannot exceed four inches in diameter and four feet in length. Trash for the landfill includes metal, wood, glass, plastic and old appliances.

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## Joe Sawyer announces candidacy for State Senate

Joe Sawyer recently announced his candidacy for the State Senate representing all of Coffee and Covington counties and parts of Dale and Houston counties.

Sawyer grew up in Coffee County, the son of a small grocery store owner, and worked to pay his way through college and law school. He joined the



Joe Sawyer

Marine Corps in 1970 and served in Vietnam, Thailand and Japan and retired from the Marine Corps Reserve as a full Colonel. "Because of my upbringing, I care very deeply about working people who are striving to do better for themselves and their families," Sawyer said. "Unfortunately, working people are not being represented in Montgomery. Instead, it's the large corporations that can hire expensive lobbyists that basically run the show. I sincerely feel that it is time the residents of Coffee, Covington, Dale and Houston counties had a Senator that represents them."

Sawyer is a graduate of New

Brockton High School, The Citadel, the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the Cumberland Law School. He has used his education to help run a small family business started by his grandfather in 1915 and is a local lawyer advocating for working people who sometimes find themselves fighting the big corporations. "Public service was instilled in me at an early



A GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING was held last Friday, April 14, at Noon on the square in Elba. The event was hosted by Basin, Westside and First Baptist churches of Elba. Those attending the short prayer service gathered around the gazebo on the courthouse lawn and listened to spiritual words provided by the sponsoring pastors. Above, citizens listen as Nathan Carroll, pastor of Basin Baptist Church, speaks about the importance of Good Friday to Christians.

## Pulitzer Prize winner bears family ties to Elba

Terri Callaway Troncale, editorial page editor of The Times-Picayune in New Orleans, was part of a news team which won two coveted Pulitzer Prizes for their 2005 coverage of Hurricane Katrina and the flooding which followed. The announcement was made on Monday of this week.

A Pulitzer prize is considered journalism's most prestigious honor.

The two awards were a gold medal for meritorious public service and for distinguished reporting of breaking news for Katrina coverage. The public service award came with a gold medal while the Distinguished reporting award carried a \$10,000 cash award.

Troncale grew up in Ozark and is the daughter of Bill

Callaway of Elba and the granddaughter of the late B. B. and Virla Mae Fuller of Elba. Her mother, the late Emma Jeanne Fuller Callaway died in August, 2004 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba.

She was in a group of about 10 reporters, editors and photographers who stayed in New Orleans to work after the paper had to evacuate its building Aug. 30 and move to Baton Rouge because of flooding. Much of the news reporting the work during those first hectic days was done out of her personal home, which was damaged but survived the flooding and became a temporary news bureau headquarters.

The news story in Tuesday's Times-Picayune noted, "The gold medal for public service was awarded, the judges said, for the newspaper's heroic, multifaceted coverage of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, making exceptional use of the newspaper's resources to serve an inundated city even after evacuation of the newspaper plant."

The paper quoted the judges further with, "In recognizing the newspaper for breaking news, the judges cited 'courageous and aggressive coverage of Hurricane Katrina, overcoming desperate conditions facing the city and the newspaper.'"

Troncale said Tuesday, "It was truly a team effort! I am proud to be a part of the team. A couple of editorials were included in the paper's public service entry, and I worked with the group of reporters who covered the story in the city in the first week after the storm. We used my house and other staffers' houses in the dry part of the city as our makeshift office. We were lucky enough to find a few working phones, so we could call our editorials and stories in to the editors who had set up a temporary office in Baton Rouge."

She is a University of Alabama graduate and earned a

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## Area Happenings

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY is now open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

THE COFFEE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD (ECB) will conduct its quarterly board meeting Monday, April 24, at 6 p.m. in the EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS room in the county office complex in New Brockton. The public is invited to attend.

THE ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY'S 67 COUNTY CONVENTION will meet Wednesday, April 19, at 11:00 a.m. at the Elba Public Library in Elba. Chairman Debbie Anderson is expected to be the guest speaker. Statewide and local Republican candidates will also speak at the rally.

THE NEW ELBA STATION FISH FESTIVAL will be held on April 29, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Coffee County Fair Grounds in New Elba.

## REMINDER

Chapter Four of "Tiding the Trail" is located on Page 18 of today's paper.



FORMER GOVERNOR DON SEIGLEMAN, left, was passing through Elba, between campaign stops, on a recent Saturday afternoon and asked to see the progress, and results, of the Elba levee rehab which was begun during his administration. The work was funded with a \$19 million combined state and federal grant. Above Elba Clipper publisher Ferrin Cox is explaining the automatic gauges which help monitor the river stages over the entire Pea River basin. They are funded and monitored by the Choctawhatchee, Pea & Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority.